

RE-ENTRY RUNDOWN-SPECIAL EDITION

FACILITY FEEDBACK

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Consider applying for the Master Case Management Academy
- Facility Comprehensive Audits - October 10th
- Name the grant and create a logo!

A Special Note from The Carey Group

Greetings IDOC Case Management Staff!

Congratulations on a successful conference! We were so pleased to meet you all and are more excited to be working with the Department on your case planning initiative. We travel to many jurisdictions across the country and rarely experience the kindness you showed us or the level of professionalism and commitment to improve services that we observed among the staff at the conference. The input we received through the discussion groups was exceedingly useful. We thank everyone for their active participation. (Remember the "five words" exercise? We have five of our own. See below!) We know all too well that there are obstacles to aligning research evidence to practice—especially in an institutional setting-and, while we may not achieve perfect alignment, we have great confidence that your work will become a model for others to follow. We look forward to working with the Case Management Academy volunteers and are excited about the next steps. Be on the look-out for our survey and please take the time to respond.

P.S. We made a wonderful restaurant discovery in Muncie--Vera Mae's Bistro. We had dinner there two nights in a row!

P.S.S. Our five words: Indiana—DOC—Staff—You—Rock





Let's Keep it Up!

Thanks again to everyone who attended the 2017 Case Management Conference. It was great to see you all! We hope you enjoyed The Carey Group presentation and discussions, as well as all the breakout sessions. The energy that everyone brought was exciting to watch! Your candid feedback will provide the best guidance as we move forward with our evidence-based practices initiative. Your ideas and thoughts are very important to our case management goals of reducing recidivism through effective risk assessment and programming.

While details are still being finalized, we encourage everyone to consider taking on a more active role by applying for the Master Case Management Academy and leading the IDOC in its drive to make Indiana's prisons and communities safer.

With your help, we look forward to being a national leader in the field of corrections!

- Executive Director Dean

Out of all of the speakers that I have heard at the conferences, The Carey Group was the best. If they



spoke all three days, I would have happily sat and listened. They were worth the drive back and forth each day. I enjoyed them listening to us and wanting to help us do our jobs better. Can we have them again next year?" -Correctional Caseworker, Miami Correctional Facility

"I especially appreciated the Carey Group, it was motivating and delightful to hear the "big picture" vision of Re-Entry as it applies to what we do day in and day out at our facilities.

The information from the conference gave our staff definition and design to our important responsibilities and reminds me why I've chosen corrections." -Deputy Warden, Miami Correctional Facility

"I was very excited about the Carey Group, they gave an excellent presentation and I believe, captivated all of case management. I am in high hopes that Indiana will be receptive in being one of the

states to initiate the ideas and programs that the Carey group has to offender. To you I say thank you, for allowing the presentation of the Cary Group!" -Case Manager, New Castle Correctional Facility

"I thought this year's conference was the best ever. I learned a lot and can't wait to make the changes in the near future in case management." -Correctional Caseworker, Branchville Correctional Facility

"The Carey Group presentation was extremely relevant and I am hopeful the three year plan discussed during the presentation will yield valid, meaningful results. The other presentations were pointed, relevant, and provided ample opportunity for feedback. Thank you to Depu-

ed ample opportunity for feedback. Thank you to Deputy Commissioner Lanham, ED Dean, Staff Development and Training staff, and all others responsible for a great conference!" -Case Manager, Westville Correctional Facility



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"Overall, I was entertained, enlightened, energized, and motivated by the presentation; and not only to get out of the hard chair. As a caseworker and the manager of our facility's PLUS program I was thrilled to have someone save us the thinking time and hand us the information needed to improve the correctional system in our state. Furthermore, I am excited for what this information and the state's potential prioritization will do for Character and Faith based programming in our system."

-Correctional Caseworker, Plainfield Correctional Facility

"I truly enjoyed the experience that I had and all the people that I was able to meet as well from all over the state. I, with only being a caseworker, can't wait to move up and play a bigger part in corrections. If I learned anything its team work makes the dream work." -Correctional Caseworker, Pendleton Correctional Facility

TEAM REENTRY WEIGHS IN



"The 2017 Case Management Conference had it all: quality of content, topic relevance, dynamic speakers, and purpose. Participants were fully engaged and verbally expressed a willingness to learn more and to assist with the evolution of IDOC's case management practices. I look forward to working with the case management staff on the Statewide Recidivism Reduction Grant. Kudos to everyone who made the Conference a success!"

Mitzi Hurst, BJA Grant Director

"I had a blast giving my first training as the newest Re-Entry Monitor to join the team! We have a great group of Case Managers, who brought the material to life and kept the laughter coming. I very much look forward to working

with more Re-Entry staff, especially as we work toward more effective case management practices. Having traveled around the country to train evidence-based correctional practices, I absolutely have no doubt that Mr.

Carey truly believes the IDOC is one of the most participatory and promising groups that he has worked with. Keep the good vibes coming!"

Jenna Mackey, Re-Entry Monitor

"As a first time attendee to the case management conference, I was thrilled and impacted by the information and engagement with the Carey Group. The Carey Group demonstrated the purpose and meaning of using evidenced based programming in our case management. The Carey Group presentation provided me with the much needed guidance and proof of the true assessments case management staff are required to use to properly identify the risk and need for the interventions we need for our population." David Byrum, Re-Entry Monitor



RUN FOR RE-ENTRY

The first ever Run for Re-Entry was a huge success! The conference 5k took place on the first day of the conference, with approximately 30 participants. The run/walk was held at The Wilbur Wright Trail.

Congratulations to first place female and male finishers, Katie Kinnaman (IYC) and Robert Howard (WVCF). Shh, don't tell anyone, but ED Dean was last.

Thanks to Aramark for the donation of bananas and water, New Castle for plants, and Pendleton for the medals!







What's It Like Presenting at the Largest IDOC Conference?

Jack Hendrix, Executive Director of Classification

I truly enjoyed presenting critical information surrounding sentencing and credit time statutes to the conference attendees. It is vitally important to the Agency's success, and those we work with and serve, that we educate our staff in a professional manner while providing them with the tools needed to be successful. The 2017 conference certainly accomplished those goals.

Debbie Braun, Director of Community Corrections

Being able to provide information on the Community Transition Program in this type of forum was long overdue. It was very exciting to present to facility staff and



answer many questions regarding CTP. Thank you to Alexis Dean and her staff for making this event happen and for inviting the Community Corrections Division to participate.



Jennifer Farmer, Classification

It is always a rejuvenating experience to present sentencing and time calculation structure to our staff. The combination of organizers, supportive presenters and, most importantly, attentive participants brought forth the success of the 2017 Case Management Conference.













